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In re Application of)
Schultz *et al.*)
Serial No. 09/776,420)
Filed: February 2, 2001)
For: "ELECTRONIC TRANSACTION)
RECEIPT SYSTEM AND METHOD")

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to the initial examination of the above-identified patent application, please enter the following preliminary amendment:

09/776,420 - E-Receipt

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 1, line 5 (the section entitled "Cross-Reference to Related Application") with the following:

--The benefit of the filing dates of U.S. Provisional Patent Application Serial No. 60/180,102, filed February 3, 2000, entitled "Network-Based Purchase Receipt Confirmation and Organization Application with Functional Facilitating Ancillary Merchant and Service Links," and U.S. Provisional Patent Application Serial No. 60/236,007, filed September 27, 2000, entitled "System and Method for Compiling, Storing and Retrieving Digital Receipts," is hereby claimed, and the specifications thereof are incorporated herein in their entireties by this reference.--

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Version of Specification Section with Markings to Show Changes Made

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REMARKS

Upon review of the above-referenced patent application it was discovered that the benefit of the filing dates of two provisional applications should have been claimed. As filed, the application only claimed the benefit of one of these provisional applications.

Applicants hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. § 120 of both U.S. Provisional Application Serial No. 60/180,102, filed February 3, 2000, and U.S. Provisional Patent Application Serial No. 60/236,007, filed September 27, 2000, and have amended the first sentence of the specification to indicate the same.

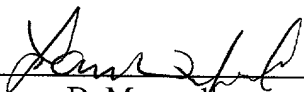


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Respectfully submitted,

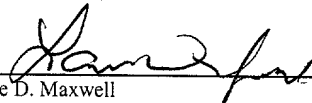
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